

REMARKS

In response to the requirement of a new declaration, a new declaration is submitted herewith,

Pages 1 and 2 of the specification have been amended to delete reference to specific claims of the application.

Claims 8-15 have been canceled and new claims 16-23 have been submitted herewith which are deemed to clearly define the invention and distinguish the same over any of the references of record.

Each of the newly submitted claims provides for a camshaft of an internal combustion engine having at least one cylinder and two fuel inlet valves for such cylinder, including a shaft having a first, rigidly mounted cam element provided with a first configuration cooperable with one of the valves of the cylinder, a second, rigidly mounted cam element provided with a second configuration different from the first configuration, cooperable with the other valve, and means cooperable with a selectively operable member for axially displacing the shaft. It is submitted that none of the references of record either discloses or teaches such a pair of cam elements for operating the fuel inlet valves.

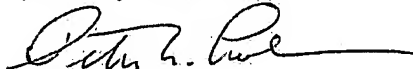
With respect to the assertion of the recitation "and a helical recessed formed on a surface thereof cooperable with a moveable member received therein for selective axial displacement thereof" set forth in a previous submitted claim, as constituting new matter, the Examiner's attention is invited to reference numerals 2 and 3 of Fig. 1 of the drawings and also to the last full paragraph on page 4 of the specification which provides that a worm drive 2,3 is configured on both faces of the cam element 1 with each of the worm drives having a curved track 2', 1, 2, 3 in which the positioning elements for displacement of the cam element 1 are engaged.

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In view of the foregoing, it respectfully is requested that newly submitted claims 16-23 be allowed and that the application be passed to issue.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 14-1437, under Order No. 8369.023.US0000.

Respectfully submitted,



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